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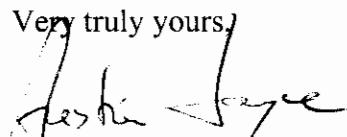
Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler
U.S. District Court
One Courthouse Way
Boston, MA 02210

**RE: Troiani v. City of Somerville
C.A. No.: 04-10639-NMG**

Dear Magistrate Bowler:

As you are aware, the above referenced matter is scheduled for an alternative dispute resolution hearing on October 20, 2005. Defendant Dan Matthews who has retired from the Somerville Police Department has a preplanned trip to Florida from October 5, 2005 to October 22, 2005. With the Court's permission Mr. Matthews will not be attending the mediation.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

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